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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005-06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1569

Introduced by Assembly Member Cogdill

February 22, 2005

An act to add Article 4.2 (commencing with Section 42289.7) to Chapter 7 of Part 24 of the Education Code, relating to education finance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1569, as amended, Cogdill. Education finance Rural county unified school districts: funding.

Existing law requires a county superintendent of schools to determine a revenue limit for each school district within the county, as prescribed. Existing law requires that the average daily attendance be computed based on the second 2nd principal apportionment regular average daily attendance for either the current fiscal year or the prior fiscal year, whichever is greater. Existing law requires the base revenue limit to be multiplied by the district average daily attendance, and provides for apportionments to school districts based on average daily attendance computations.

This bill would require a county superintendent of schools to compute funding for a county unified school district, as specified, to equal the difference between the district's current fiscal year base revenue limit and the statewide average base revenue limit per day of average daily attendance for pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, for the current fiscal year.

The bill would provide that a county unified district that qualifies for funding under the formula described in the above paragraph may continue to receive funding for a necessary small school, as defined.

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Existing law provides for the method of funding public schools.

This bill would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature to address the K-12 funding formula for public schools located in the most rural and remote parts of the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to address the K-12 funding formula for public schools located in the most rural and remote parts of the state.

SECTION 1. Article 4.2 (commencing with Section 42289.7) is added to Chapter 7 of Part 24 of the Education Code, to read:

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Article 4.2. Funding for Qualifying Rural Unified School **Districts**

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- 42289.7. The county superintendent of schools shall compute an amount pursuant to this article for a county unified school district with a comprehensive high school if all of the following conditions are met:
- (a) The boundaries of the county unified school district encompass more than 1,400 square miles.
- (b) The comprehensive high school is the only such school in the district.
- (c) The comprehensive high school has fewer than 1,000 pupils.
- (d) The comprehensive high school offers courses that satisfy the requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.
- 42289.8. A county unified school district described in Section 42289.7 shall receive the difference between the district's current fiscal year base revenue limit and the statewide average base revenue limit per day of average daily attendance for pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, for the current fiscal year.
- The number of qualifying pupils shall be based on the second 28
- 29 principal apportionment regular average daily attendance of the
- 30 prior fiscal year.

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1 42289.9 A county unified district that qualifies for funding 2 under the formula specified in this article may continue to 3 receive funding for a necessary small school pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 42280).